Computers are focus

STUDENTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION in a special class at Appomattox County High School which focused on the various uses of computers. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

The Appomattox County School Board offered a second summer class in computer literacy at Appomattox County High School. Students met daily from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Enrolled were students in grades six through twelve. Enthusiasm generated by these students was rewarding to the students and the teacher. Their eagerness to learn was manifested by their daily attendance.

Areas covered in the two-week class were: care and operation of a computer disk operating system, introduction to basic programming, and introduction to graphics. All intruction was done on a micro-computer with the students having hands-on experience. The students seemed to know the growing need for knowledge in the computer area. As a result, they worked very diligently and very hard to acquire this new concept.

Those participating in the computer literacy class were Cedric Booker, Gary Booker, Donna Franklin, Pam Franklin, William Harris, David McCrackin, Kym Midkiff, Daniel Slagle, Jennifer Stevens, Jay Stubblefield, Tamera Turner and Lawane Watkins. Each student was awarded a certificate of achievement at the completion of the two weeks.

Deaths

Joseph B. Cooper

Joseph B. Cooper of Richmond and Appomattox died Thursday, July 28, 1983.

He retired to Appomattox after selling his firm, Cooper Realty, at Fifth and Main Streets in Richmond.

He is survived by his wife, Nannie Dunstan; a son, Joseph B. Cooper, Jr., of Silver Springs, Md.; two daughters, Mrs. Sam Landay of Stone Island, Fla., and Mrs. H. Norton Mason of Richmond, Va.; four granchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was buried at Bellamy in Gloucster on July 31.

Herbert Douglas Jennings

Herbert Douglas Jennings, 64, of Route 1, Appomattox, died Saturday, Aug. 6, 1983, at his residence. He was the husband of Shirley Hawkins Jennings.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Herbert Hudson and Ruth Harvey Jennings. He was retired from the Virginia Department of Highways and was a member of Evergreen United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Ned Jennings, and a brother, Newton Jennings, both of Appomattox.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday from Evergreen United Methodist Church by the Revs. Clarence and Sallye Bowen. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SAT prep course slated

CVCC will offer "SAT Preparation," a credit-free Continuing Education course, beginning August 22.

The course concentrates on developing the student's reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math concepts. The student will also be trained to solve analogies and to make sentence completions. Practice exams will provide practical experience.

The course meets Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9, beginning August 22. Enrollment is limited to 20 students. Tuition for the course is $35.00.

To register or to get more information, call CVCC, 239-0321, extension 210.

Canaan news

Homecoming and revival services will be held at Canaan Baptist Church from Sunday, Aug. 14 through Friday, Aug. 19.

The Rev. C.L. Elliott will be in charge of the 11:30 a.m. service Sunday. The Mt. Zion Choir will provide music. Dinner will be served.

The Rev. Jack Wilson will be guest minister for the 3 p.m. service. The Pleasant Valley Men's Chorus will provide music.

The Rev. John West will be evangelist for the week of revival services. On Monday night, The Mt. Zion choir will perform. On Tuesday, the Jordan Choir will provide the music. On Wednesday, the Peaceful Grove choir will perform. Thursday night, the Canaan United choir will render music. Friday's music will be provided by the Morning Star choir.

You are invited to come and worship with us.

The Trumpeters will be in concert here the fourth Sunday in August (Aug. 28) at 3 p.m. Miss Jack Evans will be sponsor, and proceeds will be used to benefit the Young Adult Choir.

At ACHS

Organizational meeting held for golf team

An organizational meeting for students interested in playing golf was held at Appomattox County High School cafeteria at 10 a.m. Aug. 10.

Students unable to attend this meeting who desire to participate in the golf program should call Doug Marshall at 352-8997 or the School Board Office at 352-8251.

The golf program is open to students without regard to race, sex, creed or national origin. Organized practices and matches will be held at facilities open to all students.

Galilee news

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

We were priviledged to witness a glorious homecoming this past Sunday, Rev. W. J. Mason and the Friendly Gospel Singers of the Emmanual Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., were our special guest. The morning service was enjoyed by a capacity crowd. Homecomers from many localities rejoiced in the Lord.

After a delicious dinner served by the ladies of Galilee, a special family rally proceeded the 3 p.m. service. The spirited message and soulful selections highlighted the afternoon meeting. Rev. Slaughter of Lynchburg and Rev. James Franklin of Pamplin worshiped with us.

Rev. Davis, pastor, began our week of services as revivalist on Monday night. The First Baptist Senior Choir rendered selections.

Let us continue to support our church.

The YSD Singers will meet on Tues., Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. We will worship with Mt. Shiloh on Wednesday night of that week.

We pray that revival services everywhere will help us to realize that God is truly calling us. We must respond.

Let us continue in prayer one for another. We ask that God will continue to bless us.

Have a good week and please begin your Bible reading. Read Revelation 1:3.

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In Appomattox County

Opening-day policy, fees set at schools

Appomattox County Public Schools will open Aug. 29 for the 1983-84 session.

Information on student fees, registration and opening day procedures is provided to assist parents and students in their plans for another school session.

Student Fees

All schools will be open on August 25 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at which time parents are invited to the schools to pay fees. Fees approved by the Appomattox County School Board are as follows:

Appomattox County High School: Accident insurance, $4.50; S.C.A., $1.00; class fees, grades 9-12, $1.00; art, $1.50; band instrument rental, $10.00; band supply, $4.00; clerical and stenography supplies, $7.50; distributive education, $7.50; drafting, $7.50; English workbook, grade 9, $4.25; gym suits, boys, top $4.00, bottom $4.00; girls, $8.00; locks, $3.25; home economics, $7.50; library and supply fee, $1.50; auto mechanics, $7.50; physical education, supplies, $2.00; towel service, $3.50; typing supplies, $5.00; vo-ag, $7.50; textbook rental, $4.50 per subject; accounting working papers, $9.50; physics workbook, $8.00.

Primary and Elementary Schools: Accident insurance, $4.50; instructional fees, $5.00; weekly reader (K-6), $2.00; textbook rental, $17.00.

Appomattox Middle School: Accident insurance, $4.50; F.F.A., grade 7, $4.50; grade 8, $5.00; F.H.A., $7.00; towel service, $3.50; band supply, $4.00; physical education uniforms, boys $8.00, girls $8.00; textbook rental, $17.00; materials fee, $5.00; art, grade 8, $3.00, grade 7, $1.50.

Opening Day Procedures

Mr. Donald Armentrout, Appomattox County High School Principal, requests students to check the local paper for homeroom assignments. On August 29, students shall report to the cafeteria where student guides will give directions to homerooms. Those students who do not know their homeroom assignment will receive this information in the cafeteria. Once students have reported to assigned homerooms, teachers will provide student schedules. Students who drive to school are asked to park on the north parking lot.

According to Mrs. Hesteine Foster, Appomattox Middle School Principal, students will go to the cafeteria upon arrival at school. The SCA will provide guides to help students locate the cafeteria and homerooms. Homeroom rolls will be posted on classroom doors. Students will receive their class schedules from their homeroom teachers.

The SCA will provide guided tours of the school building to all seventh graders on Thursday, August 25 and Friday, August 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On these days all students are urged to pay their fees and pick up their class schedules and homeroom assignments.

The principal of Appomattox Elementary School, Mr. Tom Bowmann, has arranged for students, upon arrival at the Elementary School, to be greeted by teachers, parent volunteers, and student guides. These persons will place a name tag on each third grade student with the number of the student's bus. They will also direct each student to his respective homeroom. Class rolls will be posted on the doors of homeroom teachers.

Mrs. Patricia Torrence, Appomattox Primary School Principal, states that teacher aides and parent volunteers will meet students as they arrive on buses, pin the bus number on each student, and direct students to their respective classrooms. Parents are requested to pin the name on the dress or shirt of each student to help with identification.

Other Information

Parents are requested to send their children to school on the bus the first day, especially primary and elementary pupils. This will enable teachers to direct pupils to the correct bus in the afternoon for the return trip home.

Parents who have moved into the

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HIT?...HIT?...HIT?...It's that time of year again. The Appomattox County High School varsity and junior varsity Raider football teams were hard-at it this week practicing for the opening of the football season in the Seminole District. The varsity's first game is at home against Gretna Sept. 2. A profile on this year's Raider team will be part of an upcoming special section on Autumn sports in the Times-Virginian.

County MD drive scheduled

By FRANCES ABBITT

David Preston O'Brien, 13, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly O'Brien of Appomattox, has been a hard worker for the cause of muscular dystrophy for the past two years and he will be collecting again this year. Last year David collected a total of $1200 and for his efforts won a bicycle. This made the second year in a row that he has won a bike for his work in collecting for the Muscular Dystrophy Drive. But, it isn't the bikes or the honor of being top collector that motivates young David to put forth such a great effort for the MD drive. David has a very personal interest in doing all he can to help conquer this disease.

David has watched six family members (all cousins, living in Lynchburg) die of muscular dystrophy. Watching the process of deterioration as the disease disabled family members, he became determined to do what he could to help in the fight against MD.

"My aunt, Mrs. Daisy Wilson," said Mrs. O'Brien, "had five sons. They had three daughters with the disease. She had two daughters: they had three children with the disease. The three boys, John died at 15, Stephen at 21, and Robert at age 20. The girls didn't get out of their teen years."

For the past two years David has collected on his own. He will be at Food World this week and next from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. each day.

"We need your help," said David.

The Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Distrophy Association will again be held on Labor Day Weekend and will be seen over WSET TV 13.

Mrs. Judy Volturo is Appomattox County Muscular Dystrophy Chairman.

"We will be working hard again this year to do what we can to fight MD," said Volturo.

"Phones will be manned at the Appomattox Town Office on Sunday night, Sept. 4 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day. They will be manned on Monday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The number to call is 352-8268.

David will be helping to man the phones at the town office on Labor Day.

Muscular Dystrophy is a term designating a group of diseases marked by progressive weakness and wasting of the skeletal muscles (those which control body movement).

The muscular dystrophies and related neuromuscular diseases (including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, polymyositis, dermatomyositis, Friedreich's ataxia and myasthenia gavis) are progressive. Symptons invariably get worse when muscle deteriorates.

There are as yet no cures nor any way to arrest the progress of these most catastrophic diseases,

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Man reaches 101 mark

Jessie C. Guthrie had a birthday celebration Monday. Family members and friends gathered to wish him well, just as they have for the past 100 years.

Monday marked Mr. Guthrie's 101st birthday. The Babcock Manor resident was treated to a hearty home-cooked noontime meal, and fellowship befitting a man whose years number three digits.

"I feel very good, considering the shape I'm in," notes Mr. Guthrie, in reference to a recent hip injury which currently has him in a wheelchair.

Guthrie was born in Halifax County on Aug. 15, 1882. He was a farmer all his life, and as anyone who knows him will tell you, his was one of the best farms around Naruna, where he worked the land for 67 years.

"I worked hard to make our farm a good farm," Jessie notes. "Farming is the only thing I've known my whole life."

He and his wife, Ila Jane, who passed away in 1976, reared seven children during their life on the farm. They raised corn, tobacco, wheat, hay and oats using a two-horse team to work the rich red soil. "We stopped using horses for cultivation around 1960," notes Mr. Guthrie. "But I always kept one to work my garden with."

As one would expect, Mr. Guthrie has seen a "world of change" in his 101 years.

"I was 15 years old before we even had a stove to cook on," he recalls. "Up to then, we cooked all our meals on a fire."

He also recalls the beating farmers took from the stock market crash and poor weather from 1929 through the year 1934. "After 1929, you were lucky if you could get a dollar for a hundred pounds of tobacco. There just wasn't any market. From 1931 through 1934, you had not only the poor markets, but the weather was bad for crops."

He recalls also the effect that the many bank failures had on the agricultural community of Central Virginia. "I lost about 48 percent of what I had when the banks started closing down," he says.

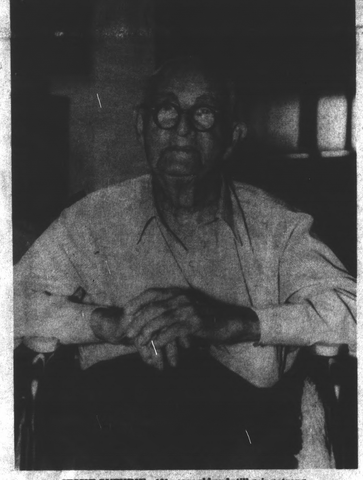
"I can remember when you could get sugar for three or four cents a pound, and cabbage for a penny or two a pound," Jessie notes. "Eggs were ten cents a dozen," he adds.

Jessie also remembers the hoopla in Brookneal when the railroad came to town, changing forever the nature of that town and many like it in Central and Southside Virginia.

When his wife died in 1976, Jessie and his oldest son, Elbert Stacy continued to tend the family farm. When his son died, the farm was too much for Jessie to take care of alone, and he moved off to live with his daughter in Harrisburg, Pa. He moved to Babcock Manor in Appomattox in May of this year.

Noting that he has never "smoked, drank or swore," Jessie attributes his longevity to "working hard all my life, and taking care of myself when the time comes."

The long years have been "interesting, though sometimes money was scarce and times were hard," he says. "But in all, I've enjoyed life," he concludes.



JESSIE GUTHRIE...101 years old and still going strong.

Bloodmobile to visit town Monday

The bloodmobile is scheduled for a visit to Appomattox on Monday, August 22 at Liberty Baptist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The quota is 110 units of blood.

"We need all the donors we can get," commented Mrs. Alice C. Martin, chairman for blood services for Appomattox County. "And," she added, "Remember, you don't get AIDS from giving blood. A new needle is used for each donor and then discarded. So, all you regular donors and new ones too, come on out and give that unit of blood! Let's make our quota."

'Depot Dramatics' production

Dinner theatre is this weekend

Depot Dramatics has something special planned for this weekend, Aug. 19 and 20 at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

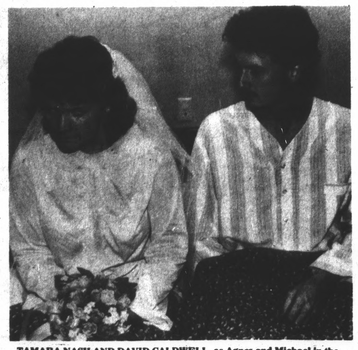
A Dinner Theatre musical production, "I Do, I Do?", featuring Tamara Nash as Agnes and David Caldwell as Michael will tell an entertaining story of fifty years of marriage from the wedding until retirement.

"Adults will relate well to this," commented Deborah Rush, who is directing the production.

Dinner will begin at seven o'clock and the menu will consist of breast of chicken in cream sauce with mushrooms and wild rice, fresh vegetables, hot, homemade rolls, homemade fruit cobbler and coffee and tea. Dinner will be provided by "Affairs to Remember", Patty Booker and Patsy Thomas.

The play will begin at 8:30 and tickets for meal and play are $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children eight and under. There is limited seating and tickets may be purchased from Barbara's Shop on Main Street. Tables may be reserved.

"There has been a lot of interest in past productions and we feel this, our fifth play production and first dinner theatre production will be the best yet. We are planning an excellent evening of entertainment", concluded Rush.



TAMARA NASH AND DAVID CALDWELL, as Agnes and Michael in the upcoming Depot Dramatics production, "I do, I Do," rehearse a scene in preparation for this weekend's dinner-theater event. The play is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings from Martha Street on a rather cool morning in the middle of August. Coolest morning, according to my chart, since May. And twenty degrees cooler than same hour and date in 1980. And clear. Late last night I looked out and saw most of The Big Dipper's stars. Right now I look out of the Den window and see two crape myrtles in bloom. And there are several figs, and 63 sunflowers. If, in my record player was working I'd put on "It's A Lovely Day." Who's on the Cheerleaders Squad this fall?

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Important news. Last year 240,405 people visited the Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park. If each person spent even $10 in our community what a boost to our economy. The challenge is to develop ways to induce visitors to stay at least overnight, look around and shop around. Polish up this slogan: Appomattox, Where Our Nation Was Reunited. Let Us Keep It That Way.

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A neighbor has acquired a small dog and the dog looked just like Toto, the dog made famous in The Wizard of Oz. So I asked the neighbor the dog's name. You guessed it, Toto!

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Read of a new Episcopal Church formed at Reston in Northern Virginia. It's name? St. Anne's, same as the Episcopal Church in Appomattox.

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Now 'll never catch up with my reading. Just acquired a new copy of The Boy Scout Handbook. It's 448 pages contain such a wealth of useful information. Know the Scout sign? Motto? Slogan? (Do A Good Turn Daily).

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Baseball fans are warming up to the close race in the American League East. And football fans are warming up, period. ACHS graduated many of the stars from last year's winning team and the search for replacements is on. One lesson from competitive sports is the importance of physical condition. Read of one player out with a "tear in the rotation cuff" of his shoulder. Heavens to Betsy, everyone take care of your "rotation cuff."

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We see many unusual auto license numbers. Saw one Saturday: "BLT" followed by a number. Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato?

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Lawnmowers are running again after a dry season. So glad for the chance to get some outdoor work in, did my lawn in an even hour.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.